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Reply to
Attn of: 19-C04

Ms. Blythe Monoian
Environmental Management Program
Yakama Nation
P.O. Box 151
Toppenish, Washington 98948

(sent via email to: Blythe_Monoian@yakama.com)

Re: Early Notification of EPA's Plans to Reissue a NPDES Permit for Washington Beef, LLC
(Permit No. WA0020202)

Dear Ms. Monoian:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is working to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Washington Beef, LLC, which is a complex slaughterhouse, meaning a slaughterhouse that provides extensive processing of the by-products of meat slaughtering, in Toppenish, Washington.

The draft permit and fact sheet which explain the conditions in the draft permit are transmitted with this letter for your review. We are seeking your review and input for this permit action prior to the public notice. We intend to public notice the permit December 2022, and therefore, would appreciate your comments within 30 days so that we can adequately address your comments and any concerns prior to the public comment period. EPA will be providing an opportunity for the Yakama Nation to initiate consultation with our Agency regarding this permitting action.

Since this preliminary draft is not intended for review outside of the Yakama Nation, we appreciate your discretion in retaining it within your tribal government. Thank you in advance for your interest and participation in the permitting process. Please contact Brian Nickel at 206-553-6251 or via email at Nickel.Brian@epa.gov if you have any questions or concerns about this anticipated permit. You may also contact me at (206) 553-6258 or via email at poulsom.susan@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan Poulsom, Section Manager
NPDES Permitting Section

Enclosures: Preliminary draft permit and draft fact sheet

cc: Lucas DuSablón, EPA Tribal Coordinator *(via email)*